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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV CENTRAL COMMITTEE MESXING, TITO SPEECH

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1. SUMMARY: HIGHLIGHT OF SECOND SESSION OF LCY CENTRAL COMMITTEE WAS SPEECH BY TITO. EXCOM MEMBER BILIC DELIVERED OTHER MAJOR ADDRESS. BOTH HOVE TO STANDARD THEME OF NEED FOR PARTY CONSOLIDATION. TITO EVIDENCED CONSIDERABLE SENSITIVITY TO WESTERN PRESS COVERAGE OF YUGOSLAV AFFAIRS. WITH CONTINUING CAMPAIGN AGAINST PRAXIS GROUP AND MIHAJLOV TRIAL UNDERWAY, THIS SENSITIVITY IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE. END SUMMARY

2. SESSION OF LCZLCC HELD FEB 26 WAS DOMINATED BY CALL FOR CONSOLIDATION OF LC INFLUENCE AT HOME AND REJECTION OF FOREIGN PRESSURE ON YUGOSLAVIA. MOST THEMES HAVE BEEN RAISED IN OTHER FORUMS SINCE 10 LCY CONGRESS MAY 1974. SESSION HIGHLIGHT WAS CHSSING TITO ADDRESS WITH EXCOM MEMBER JURE BILIC AS OTHER PRINCIPAL SPEAKER (TEXTS AVAILABLE THROUGH FBIS).

3. TITO ADDRESS MADE GENERAL NOTE OF DETERIORATION IN INTER-
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NATIONAL SITUATION SINCE 10TH LCY CONGRESS IN MAY 1974 AND

PRESSURES ON YUGOSLAVIA "FROM VARIOUS SIDES". HE PAID SPECIFIC AND EXTENSIVE ATTENTION TO ANTI-YUGOSLAV CAMPAIGN ABROAD (FOR PREVIOUS TREATMENT OF THEME SEE BELGRADE 0172, 1459, 0500 AND 0589). NOTING COVERAGE OF MIHAJLOV, PRAXIS AND BELGRADE EIGHT BY WESTERN PRESS, HE ATTACKED WESTERN SPECULATIONS THAT YUGOSLAVIA WAS THREATENED BY EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE SOVIET UNION. TITO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER WESTERNERS WHO ARE AIMING FOR THE BREAKUP OF YUGOSLAVIA, AND, CITING ALLEGATIONS IN THE WEST, HE SAID, "WE ARE CONVINCED THE SOVIET UNION HAS NO INTENTION OF ATTACKING YUGOSLAVIA." BILIC CONNECTED WESTERN SPECULATION WITH NSNYLXH ORTEATE A "PSYCHOSIS OF UNCERTAINTY" IN YUGOSLAVIA ABOUT THE FUTURE. BILIC ALSO MENTIONED FASCIST GROUP ORGANIZED ABROAD WHO "IN THE SERVICE OF CERTAIN FOREIGN POWERS" ARE ATTEMPTING TO HARM YUGOSLAVIA.

4. DEVELOPMENT OF LCY RECEIVED PRIMARY EMPHASIS IN TITO AND BILIC ADDRESSES. BOTH CALLED FOR REMOVAL OF LC MEMBERS WHO DO NOT ACTIVELY ENDORSE LC POLICY. TITO CALLED FOR GREATER ROLE FOR SOCIALIST ALLIANCE, EMPHASIZING ITS POTENTIAL TO MOBILIZE WIDER SECTION OF POPULATION THAN CAN LCY ALONE. BILIC REPEATED THEME HEARD SEVERAL TIMES IN RECENT PAST THAT ALL SECTIONS OF SOCIETY WHO SUPPORT SOCIALIST SELF-MANAGEMENT HAVE ROLE IN SOCIALIST ALLIANCE - IFTLUD ZG THE RELIGIOUS (REF ZAGRX A". JAN 8, 1975). BILIC GAVE MORE EXTENSIVE ATTENTION TO ROLE OF LC ITSELF D POINTING OUT STRUGGLE AGAINST TWO EXTREME INTERPRETATIONS OF PARTY ROLE (CONCEPT THAT PARTY SHOULD LEAD SOCIETY IN NAME OF WORKING CLASS AND CONCEPT OF LC NON-INTERFERENCE IN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS). LC SHOULD NOT TAKE OVER FUNCTIONS OF SOCIAL AND SELF-MANAGEMENT BODIES, BILIC DECLARED, BUT RATHER INFLUENCE THEIR ACTIVITY THROUGH "RESPONSIBLE ACTIVITY" OF COMMUNIST MEMBERS OF THOSE BODIES.

5. INTERNAL OPPOSITION RECEIVED LITTLE ATTENTION FROM TITO BUT MORE FROM BILIC. "POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY OF BOURGEOIS SOCIETY IS STILL ALIVE," HE ASSERTED, CITING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTICULARLY SCHOOLS, FACULTIES, AND PRINTING HOUSES. HE PARTICULARLY CRITICIZED OPPOSITION INFLUENCES PRESENT IN "CERTAIN PUBLISHING HOUSES", POINTING OUT THAT CERTAIN "SO-CALLED LEFTISTS" (ALMOST CERTAINLY "NEW LEFT" PRAXIS SUPPORTERS IN BELGRADE, LJUBLJANA AND NMAGREB) "HAVE PUBLISHED MORE BOOKS THAN MANY OTHER AUTHORS". "NEW LEFT" ITSELF HE CONNECTED TO "NATIONALIST LEFT IN 1971", ATTACKING THEM AS ANARCHISTS, BOURGEOIS-REACTIONARY, BOURGEOIS-LIBERALS,

AND DOGMATISTS. ARGUING THAT FREEDOM OF RELIGION DOES INDEED EXIST IN YUGOSLAVIA, BILIC CRITICIZED PARTY MEMBERS WHO WOULD EXCLUDE CHURCH BELIEVERS FROM ROLE IN SOCIETY, BUT ALSO HIT CHURCH INVOLVEMENT IN ACTIVITIES NOT STRICTLY RELIGIOUS.

6. COMMENT: REAL SENSITIVITY OF YUGOSLAV LEADERSHIP TO FOREIGN PRESS TREATMENT IS CONFIRMED BY TITO SPEECH. WITH CURRENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST PRAXIS GROUP, MIHAJLOV TRIAL, AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, IT IS UNLIKELY THIS TREATMENT WILL IMPROVE. THUS, FURTHER ATTENTION TO SUBJECT IS ALMOST CERTAIN. CRITICISM OF DOMESTIC PRESS IN PRESIDUM REPORTS FOR CC MEETING (REFTEL) HAS NOT BEEN REPEATED IN PRESS COVERAGE OF ACTUAL MEETING (ALTHOUGH FINAL REPORT FROM MEETING IS NOT YET AVAILABLE).

7. BILIC CRITICISM OF PUBLISHERS IS NEW ELEMENT IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST YUGOSLAV "NEW LEFT". EMPHASIS ON OPPOSITION INFLUENCE IN PUBLISHING HOUSES, PLUS RECHCQ"IDNSFYNVIHUFCRLTT" , PRINTERS NOT TO HANDLE PRAXIS (BELGRADE 0719), BODES ILL FOR ABILITY OF "NEW LEFT" TO PUBLISH THEIR WORUNINSIDE YUGOSLAVIA IN THE FUTURE. BALANCING THIS TO SOME DEGREE IS BILIC EMPHASIS ON INDIRECT LC ROLE IN SOCIAL ORGANIZATION, POINTING TO PRESSURE BUT NOT ACTUAL ORDERS TO CEASE PUBLICATIONS OF "NEW LEFT" MATERIAL.

8. RUMORS OF LC PURGE SEEM DISPELLED BY RESULTS OF CC MEETING. THREAT TO EXPEL MEMBERS WHO DO NOT SUPPORT LC POLICY IS NOT PARTICULARLY NEW, BUT EMPHASIS GIVEN HERE MAY POINT TO MORE CAREFEUL SCRUTINY OF PARYT MEMBERS'S ACTIVITIES IN FUTUER.

9. BILIC SPEECH COVERED IN GOOD PART HIS OWN AREAS OF LC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPONSIBILITY AND HIS PRAISE OF RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS SEEMED SELF-SERVING. HOWEVER, TITO WARMLY ENDORSESED THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, THUS INDICATING BILIC IS POSSIBLY GAINING INFLUENCE IN PARTY. MILLER

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